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2. About 200 meters from the Riga Opera House, bordered by Kaleju, Ridzenes, and Teatra Streets, there is an air-raid shelter approximately 60 meters long, 30 meters wide, and 4 meters high. The two main doors of sheet-iron panels open on Kaleju Street and Ridzenes Street and are approximately three meters high and two meters wide. There are also two smaller auxiliary doors (1.50 meters high and 1.20 meters wide) set at an angle in the middle of each of the other two sides of the shelter. Five cement air shafts, with six openings in each, protrude about 60-70 centimeters from the top of the shelter. [] a staircase with heavy banisters descending to a depth of about three meters and then turning at a right angle to the left [] 50X1-HUM
- [] On both sides, opposite each main door, two staircases to the top of the shelter were still under construction, [] upon completion they will lead to two terraces provided with benches. When observed, the shelter was still covered with fine, gray sand and was not yet camouflaged. (See Attachment No. 1) 50X1-HUM
3. Behind the Opera House, at the intersection of Krisjana Barona Street and Padomju Bulvaris, there is an air-raid shelter approximately 35 meters long, 15 meters wide, and 2 meters high. This shelter had only two doors--one which opens on Padomju Bulvaris; the other in the opposite direction. These doors, with sheet-iron panels, are similar in dimension (2 meters high and 1.50 meters wide) and placement to the auxiliary doors depicted in Attachment 1. There are two cement air shafts, each with six openings, which protrude about 60-70 centimeters from the top of the shelter. Grass covers the entire shelter, which is so well camouflaged so as not to be discernible from the lawn of the adjacent park, and ivy covers the two air shafts. [] 50X1-HUM
- [] (See Attachment No. 2) 50X1-HUM

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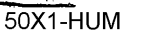
4. Another air-raid shelter on Radio Street, about 15 meters from the large radio antenna, is visible from the railroad station and from the downtown area. The shelter is approximately 30 meters long, 15 meters wide, and 2 meters high, has two sheet-iron doors (2 meters high and 1.50 meters wide) set at an angle into the shelter wall, and has two cement air shafts with six openings in each protruding 60-70 centimeters above the shelter. [] a staircase descending about three meters and then making a right-angle turn but could not estimate the shelter's depth. However, since a branch of the Daugava River is only some 20 meters away, [] some construction difficulties must have occurred. While grass covers the shelter, the camouflage is not so good as the shelter on Padomju Bulvaris, which is probably newer. (See Attachment No. 3) 50X1-HUM
5. [] because of the moderate capacity of the shelters and above all because of their narrow doors, [] these shelters were not built for the civilian population but rather for military commands or for selected high-priority civilian agencies. Since the shelters are located short distances from each other, [] at least the Padomju Bulvaris and the Radio Street shelters may be connected. (See Attachment No. 4) 50X1-HUM

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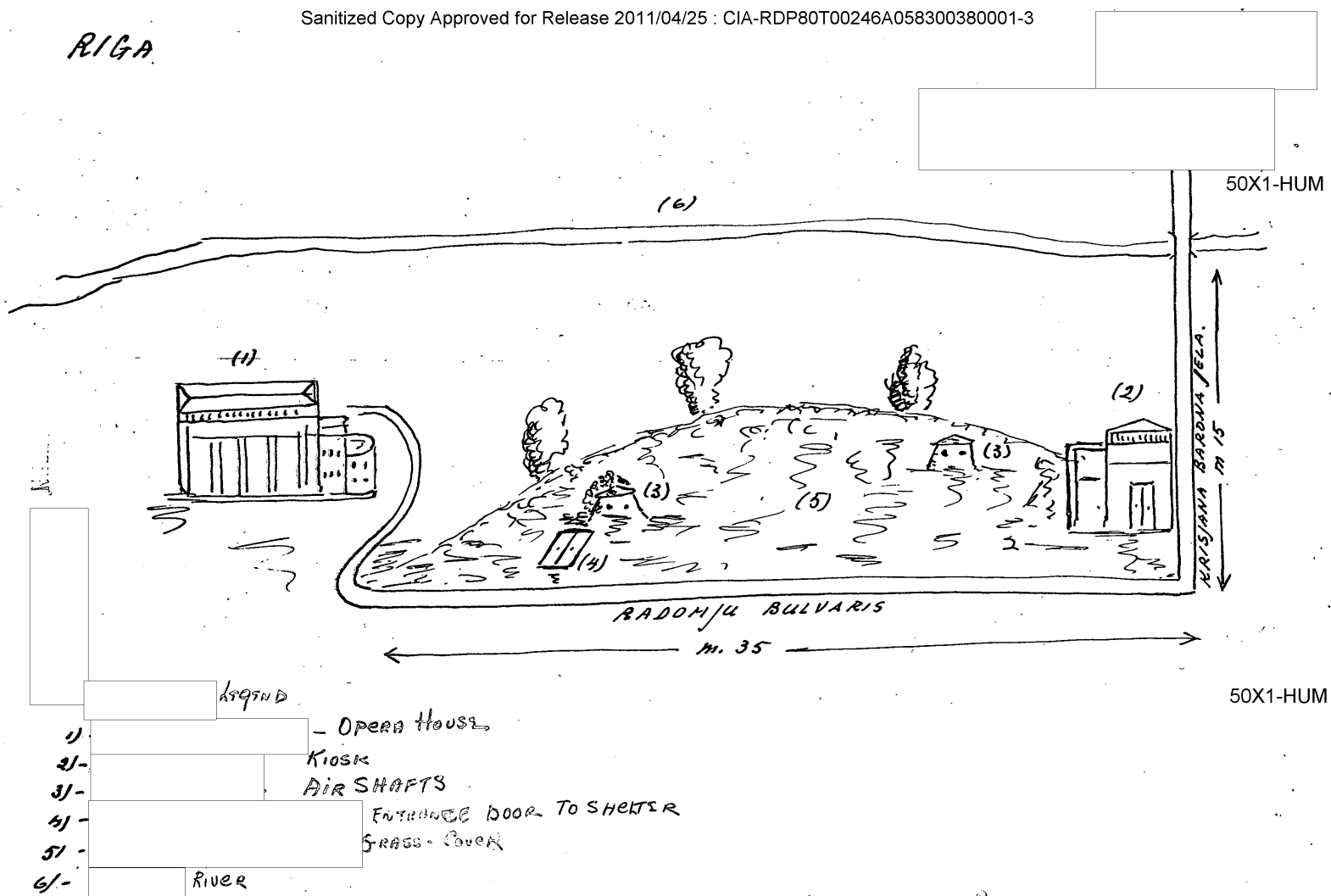
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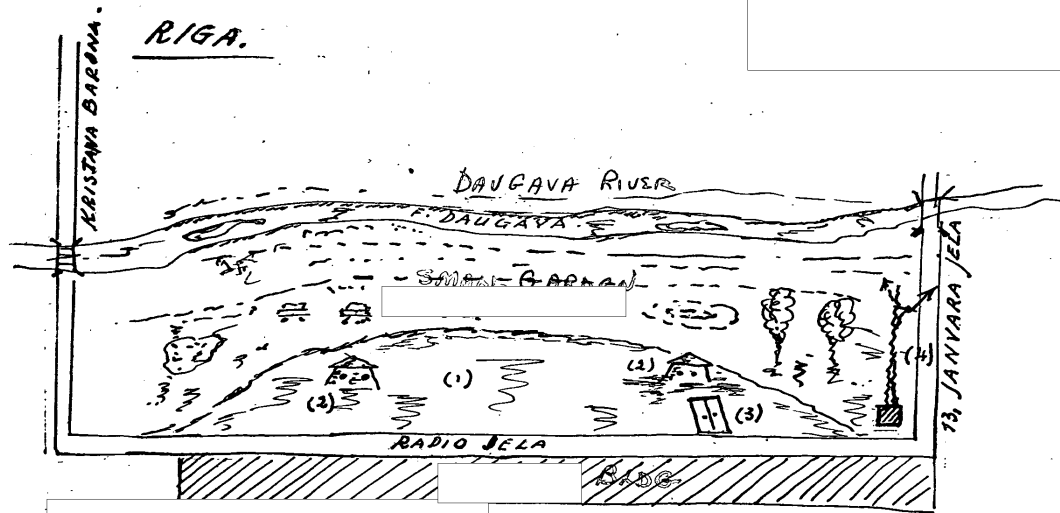
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- (1) [REDACTED] GRASS - COVER
- (2) [REDACTED] - AIR SHAFTS
- (3) [REDACTED] - ENTRANCE DOOR - TRELLIS-TYPE
- (4) [REDACTED] - RADIO-TV ANTENNA

